Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph 3 on page 11 with the following amended paragraph:

The primers for the detection of Vibrio parahaemolyticus utilized a nucleotide sequence represented by the sequence number 1 as the forward side primer and a nucleotide sequence represented by the sequence number 2 as the reverse side primer.

Sequence number 1: aagaagacct agaagatgat **(SEQ ID NO: 1)**

Sequence number 2: gttaccagta atagggca **(SEQ ID NO: 2)**

Each of the compounds of the specified compounds group shown in Table 1 was conjugated to the 5' termini of the forward side primer and the reverse side primer. In a separate preparation, chromosome DNA extracted from a type strain (IFO12711T) of Vibrio parahaemolyticus was used as a template, and PCR was conducted using a rpoD gene amplification universal primer (refer to Japanese Unexamined Patent Application, Publication No. Hei 8-256798: sequence numbers 3 and 4) to prepare an amplified product. Subsequently, using this amplified product as a template, PCR tests were conducted under a plurality of different annealing temperature conditions, using the aforementioned primers with added compounds from the specified compounds group.

Sequence number 3: yatgmgngar atgggnacng t **(SEQ ID NO: 3)**

(y stands for a base T or U, or C; m stands for A or C; and n stands for A, C, G, or T or U)

Sequence number 4: ngcytcnacc atytcyttyt t **(SEQ ID NO: 4)**